The next annual summit is scheduled to be held in Moscow in 2005.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

British Foreign Policy towards PoK

2524. SHRI R. K. ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Britain has appointed an honorary Consul at Mirpur in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether it is an indication of change in British foreign policy towards PoK;

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) British High Commission has clarified that the Honorary Consul was appointed only to provide consular service to the large Mirpuri community in the UK and stated that this step did not have any bearing on the issue of recognition or political issues involved.

(c) Government has, through the British High Commission in New Delhi, conveyed its objection to the decision as the concerned action is related to an Indian territory presently under illegal occupation of Pakistan.

Indo-Afghan Co-operation

2525. SHRI LALIT SURI:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Afghan President recently visited New Delhi and had discussions with Indian Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the nature of talks held between the representatives of two countries; and